

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

*Sgt* 1. A method for providing a user with an album including a plurality of pages,  
the method comprising the steps of:  
  
(a) allowing a user to purchase at least a portion of the album, the portion of the  
album including a portion of the plurality of pages;  
  
(b) allowing the user to set a plurality of defaults for the plurality of pages, at  
least one default of the plurality of defaults capable of being altered using  
information provided by the user;  
  
(c) receiving from the user the information, if any, and a plurality of images  
captured using a digital imaging device;  
  
(d) altering the at least one default if the user has provided the information;  
  
(e) providing the portion of the plurality of pages using the plurality of defaults;  
and  
  
(f) allowing the user access to the at least the portion of the album.

*Sgt* 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the purchasing step (a) can occur prior to  
receiving the plurality of images from the user.

3. The method of claim 3 wherein the purchasing step (a) can occur prior to the  
plurality of images being captured.

1           4. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving step (a) further includes the step

2           of:

3           (c1) receiving from the user the information, if any, and the plurality of images  
4           directly from the digital imaging device.

1           5. The method of claim 1 wherein the album is a printed photo album and

2           wherein the access allowing step (f) further includes the step of:

3           (f1) providing the portion of the plurality of pages to the user.

1           ~~502~~ 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the a portion of the plurality of images  
2           include sound and wherein the step of providing the portion of the plurality of pages further  
3           includes the steps of:

4           (e1) printing the portion of the plurality of pages; and  
5           (e2) providing a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the  
6           plurality of images.

1           7. The method of claim 6 wherein the mechanism includes a printed stripe

2           playable by a scanning device and wherein the providing step (e1) further includes the step  
3           of:

4           (e1i) providing the scanning device to the user.

1           ~~502~~ 8. The method of claim 6 wherein the mechanism providing step (e2) further  
2           includes the step of:

3 (e2i) providing a user playable device within a second portion of the portion of the  
4 plurality of pages, the second portion of the plurality of pages including the portion of the  
5 plurality of images including sound.

1 9. The method of claim 1 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of  
2 images includes a caption and wherein the providing step (e) further includes the step of:

3 (e1) providing the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the  
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein caption providing step (e1)  
3 further includes the step of:

4 (e1i) reading the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of  
5 images;

6 (e1ii) converting the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of  
7 images to a text caption; and

8 (e1iii) printing the text caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes a page layout.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes a page style.

13. The method of claim 1 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of  
2 images includes a category and wherein the at least one default includes a photo album

organization based on the category of each image of the portion of the plurality of image.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default includes selecting  
image analysis for the plurality of images.

15. The method of claim 1 wherein the purchase step (a) further includes the step  
of:

(a1) allowing the user to purchase the at least the plurality of pages from a remote  
location.

16. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one default selecting step (a)  
further includes the step of:

(a1) allowing the user to select the at least one default from a remote location.

17. The method of claim 1 wherein a portion of the plurality of images include  
sound and wherein the step of providing the portion of the plurality of pages (e) further  
includes the steps of:

(e1) archiving the portion of the plurality of pages; and  
(e2) providing a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for the portion of the  
plurality of images.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of  
images includes a caption and wherein the archiving step (e1) further includes the step of:

3 (e1i) providing the caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the  
2 plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein caption providing step (e1i)  
3 further includes the step of:

4 (e1ia) reading the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of  
5 images;

6 (e1ib) converting the user-recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of  
7 images to a text caption; and

8 (e1iic) printing the text caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images.

1 *Sys A3* 20 A system for providing a user with an album including a plurality of pages,  
2 the system comprising:

3 at least one storage subsystem for storing an identity of a user who has purchased at  
4 least a portion of the album and a plurality of defaults for the plurality of pages, a portion of  
5 the plurality of defaults capable of being set by the user, at least one default of the plurality  
6 of plurality of defaults capable of being altered using information provided by the user; and

7 a server for receiving a plurality of images captured by a digital camera and provided  
8 by the user, the server also for receiving information provided by the user, if any, altering  
9 the at least one default if the user has provided the information, the server for providing the  
10 portion of the plurality of pages using the plurality of defaults.

1 *Sub 617* 21. The system of claim 20 wherein the user can purchase the portion of the

2 plurality of pages prior to the server receiving the plurality of images.

1           22. The system of claim 20 wherein the user can purchase the portion of the  
2 plurality of pages prior to the plurality of images being captured.

1           23. The system of claim 20 wherein the server receives from the user the  
2 information, if any, and the plurality of images directly from the digital imaging device.

1           24. The system of claim 20 wherein the album is a printed album and wherein the  
2 system further includes:

3           a printing means for printing the portion of the plurality of pages.

1           25. The system of claim 24 wherein the a portion of the plurality of images  
2 include sound and the system further provides a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for  
3 the portion of the plurality of images.

1           26. The system of claim 25 wherein the printing means further prints a stripe  
2 playable by a scanning device and wherein the scanning device is provided to the user.

1           27. The system of claim 24 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of  
2 images includes a caption and wherein the printing means further provide the caption for  
3 each of the portion of the plurality of images.

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1        28. The system of claim 27 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the  
2        plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and wherein server further reads the user-  
3        recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images and converts the user-  
4        recorded caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images to a text caption.

1        29. The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one default includes a page  
2        layout.

1        30. The system of claim 20 wherein the at least one default includes a page style.

1        31. The system of claim 20 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of  
2        images includes a category, and wherein the at least one default includes an album  
3        organization based on the category of each image of the portion of the plurality of image and  
4        wherein the server further categorizes the portion of the plurality of images.

1        32. The system of claim 20 wherein the server is further capable of providing  
2        image analysis.

1        33. The system of claim 32 wherein the at least one default includes selecting  
2        image analysis for the plurality of images.

1        34. The system of claim 20 wherein the album is a web album and the system  
2        further includes:

3           a database for archiving the plurality of images in the portion of the plurality of  
4           pages.

1           35.       The system of claim 34 wherein a portion of the plurality of images include  
2           sound and wherein the server further provides a mechanism for a user to hear the sound for  
3           the portion of the plurality of images.

1           36.       The system of claim 35 wherein each image of a portion of the plurality of  
2           images includes a caption and wherein the database further archives the caption for each of  
3           the portion of the plurality of images.

1           37.       The system of claim 36 wherein the caption for each of the portion of the  
2           plurality of images is a user-recorded caption and the server further reads the user-recorded  
3           caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images and converts the user-recorded  
4           caption for each of the portion of the plurality of images to a text caption.

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